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1. The Organization of the Ministry.

Very briefly, the Minister, Mihaly Zsofinyecz, had under him in September 1953 six deputy ministers each of whom controlled a number of the twenty six "branches" of the ministry. The first deputy minister was responsible for branches dealing with such subjects as planning, production policy and co-ordination, labor questions including wages, auditing, and technical education. The branches controlled by the other five deputy ministers were concerned with the actual running of individual plants and factories and of technical directorates.

2. The Party Organization.

The Party organization within the ministry consisted of a central Party committee with a small full-time secretariat and subordinate committees in each of the ministry's branches.

3. The Central Party Committee.

The Central Committee of the Ministry of Metallurgy and Machine Engineering consisted of:

- a. The minister
- b. Six deputy ministers
- c. A full-time secretary
- d. A full-time "Agitprop" organizer in charge of all matters concerning mass organizations in the ministry, e.g. trade unions, Hungarian-Soviet Friendship Society, League of Fighters for Freedom, and the League of Working Youth.

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- e. A part-time deputy secretary, known as the "organizing secretary".
- f. A part-time educational secretary.
- g. Three other persons whose precise part-time Party functions were not known.

The committee had one secretary and one messenger and occupied three offices in the ministry's building.

- 4. It is interesting to learn that, though Minister Zsofinyecz was a member of this committee, its president was Ferenc Hidasi, one of the deputy ministers. This man was a joiner before the war, was understood to have been a field officer in State Security (AVH) after the war and became head of a department in the ministry in 1948.
- 5. Four of the five part-time members of the committee were [redacted] senior 25X1 ministry officials i.e. heads or deputy heads of departments. The fifth was a newcomer [redacted] 25X1 who was sent to Moscow in June 1953 on a Party course lasting three years. One of the others had also been assigned to an 18-month course in Moscow in 1953 but it is not known whether he went.

6. Branch Committee

As stated above in paragraph 2 each branch of the ministry had its own Workers Party Committee, subordinate to the Central Committee. These branch committees had seven, nine, or 11 members, depending on its size. (A branch containing about 100 Party members, for example, had a committee of five).

- 7. The committee of a typical branch, to which a deputy minister and the members of his secretariat belonged, consisted of the following:
 - a. A branch chairman, an elderly technician;
 - b. A branch secretary, a technician in his thirties;
 - c. A young engineer, head of a sub-department;
 - d. Another sub-departmental head who had been trained in the Soviet Union and had lived there for fourteen years;
 - e. A deputy minister's secretary.

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